



Electric Infrastructure Loan & Loan Guarantee Program

What does this program do?

The electric program makes insured loans and loan guarantees to nonprofit and cooperative associations, public bodies, and other utilities. Insured loans primarily finance the construction of electric distribution facilities in rural areas. The guaranteed loan program has been expanded and is now available to finance generation, transmission, and distribution facilities. The loans and loan guarantees finance the construction of electric distribution, transmission, and generation facilities, including system improvements and replacement required to furnish and improve electric service in rural areas, as well as demand side management, energy conservation programs, and on-grid and off-grid renewable energy systems.

Who may apply for this program?

Most retail or power supply providers serving qualified rural areas, including:

- State and local governmental entities
- **Federally recognized Tribes**
- Nonprofits including cooperatives and limited dividend or mutual associations
- For-profit businesses (must be a corporation or limited liability company)

How may funds be used?

Funds may be used to finance:

- Maintenance
- Upgrades
- Expansion
- Replacement of distribution, sub transmission and headquarters (service, warehouse) facilities
- Energy efficiency
- Renewable energy systems
- For additional details, see the **Code of Federal Regulations**

How do we get started?

- Applications for these programs are accepted year round through a General Field Representative (**GFR**)
- **Program Resources** are available online (i.e. forms, guidance, certifications)

Who can answer questions?

- Contact the **GFR** who serves your area
- Call the Rural Electric Program at 202-720-0848

What law governs this program?

- **Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended**
- **Code of Federal Regulations**

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "What Law Governs this Program?" You may also contact **your local office** for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at www.rd.usda.gov. *USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.*